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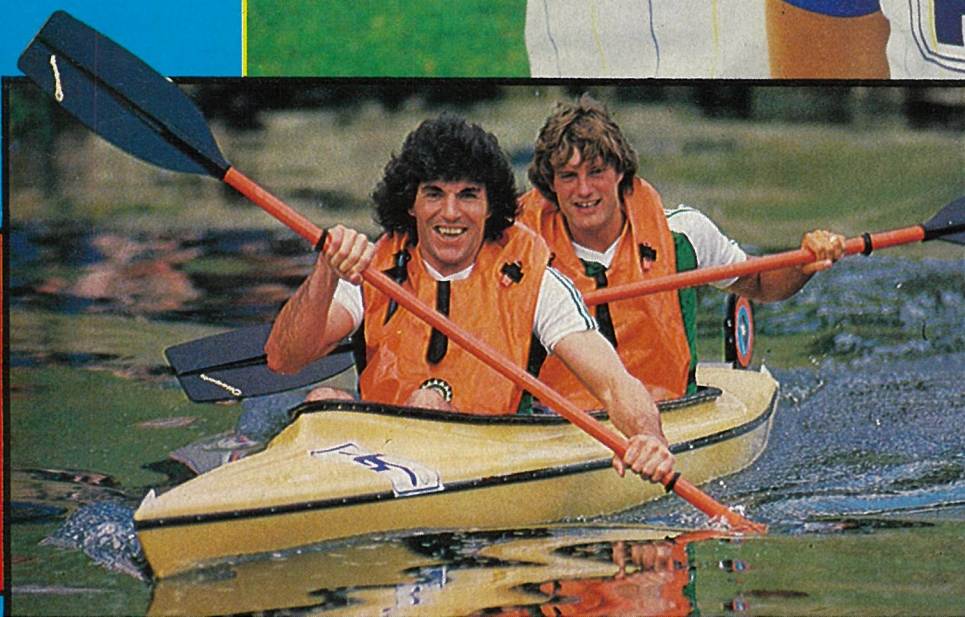
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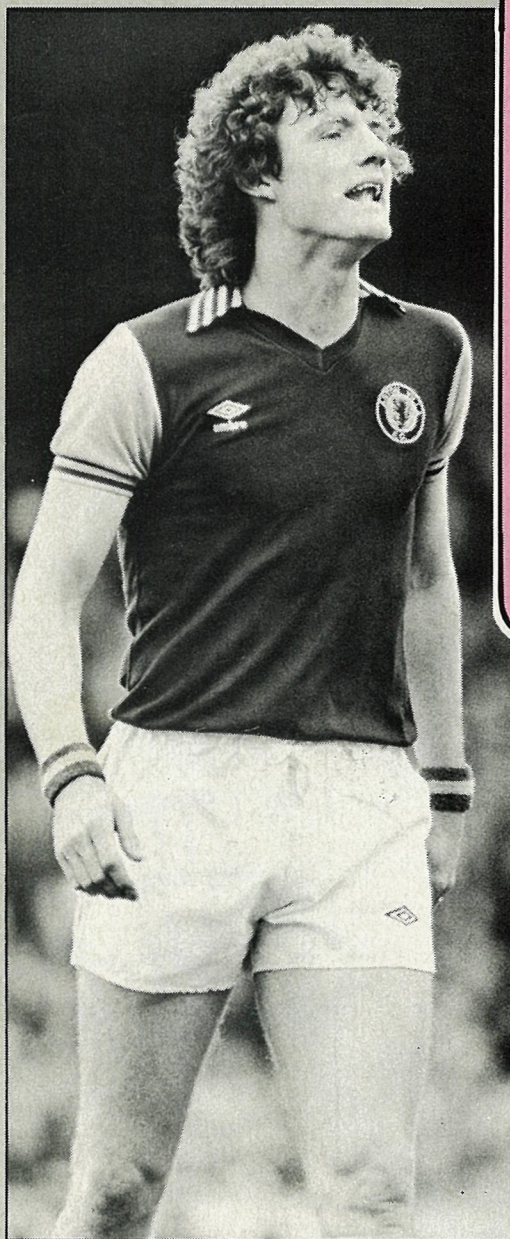
Oh brother, don't we
look smart! Eddie
(left) and Frank Gray
model the new Leeds
strip.

FIRST
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GLENN
HODDLE
AND THE SUPERTeam

Canoe for two! Chelsea's Peter Borota and England's
Glenn Hoddle in Superteam action.



He broke my nose!

ALLAN EVANS
(Aston Villa)

BIG Joe once broke my nose — so I won't be too upset to see the back of him!

It was an off the ball incident a couple of year's back at Old Trafford and luckily for him the referee didn't spot it — otherwise he'd have been off!

But one of the main reasons I'll be happy to see him go is because I'll have a better game against Manchester United!

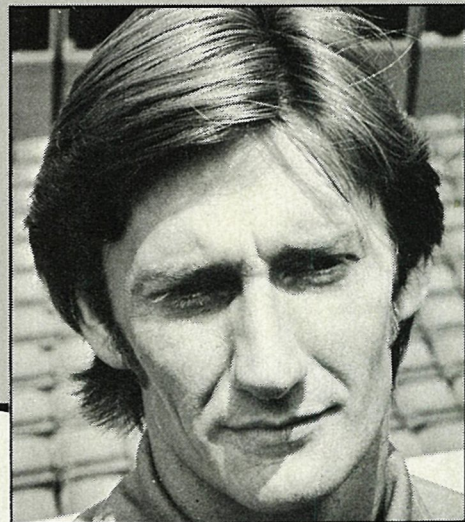
Having said that, he's the type of player I like to play against — because you know it's going to be a battle.

At his age he's made a good decision to go abroad and if he can keep his head I reckon he'll be a hit in Italy.

There's no doubt that he'll come up against more niggly fouls than he had to in our First Division.

But I wish him well because he's still got an important part to play for Scotland and I want to see our country do well.

WHY



He likes to clout 'keepers

JEFF WEALANDS
(Birmingham)

JOE tries to unsettle goalkeepers with his challenges — you know you're going to get belted.

He likes to clout 'keepers early on to see if they've got any bottle — sometimes he does go overboard with his elbows.

But it doesn't bother me as long as the challenges are fair — I don't mind a battle.

As well as his power in the air, he's also strong on the ground. I reckon a high percentage of his goals in the last couple of seasons have come from his feet.

The Italians are not too strong in the air and I can see Joe exciting the fans with his aerial strength.

It didn't surprise me that he went to Italy. If reports about the wages he was demanding were accurate it was the only place that could afford him.

Life will be easier without him

JOHN WILE
(West Brom)

WE had quite a few bruising clashes... not least when I finished up with my cheekbone fractured in three places!

There's not much doubt that it was a "deliberate accident".

If you want to play a no-contact game then Joe is quite happy, but if you want a physical game you can have that too.

I think he went through a period where he went beyond what was necessary, but he was a worse player when he was "getting involved".

During the last couple of seasons he seems to have settled down — concentrating more on the game rather than the physical side — and he's been a better player for that. I'd say his play has improved 50 per cent.

I always enjoyed playing against Joe and I'll miss him for that, but at the same time it's going to be an easier life not having him around next season and I believe Manchester United will miss him in a big way.

As for Joe's move to Italy, I think he's the kind of player who could find himself in a lot of trouble out there.

The sort of things the Italian players get up to might be just the sort of things to upset him — even though I think he may have learned that it doesn't pay off to be too physical.

Aggressive — but never malicious

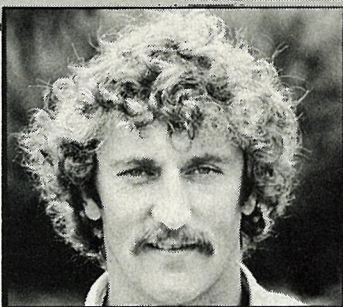
JIM CANNON
(Crystal Palace)

ANYTHING Joe Jordan lacks in ability he makes up for in determination and aggression, but I've always enjoyed playing against him.

I'd have missed him anyway next season because I'll be playing in the Second Division, but it's certainly going to make life easier for First Division defenders.

If Wolves' Andy Gray decides to go abroad too it'll be easier still!

I don't think Joe was ever malicious with his challenges, but I remember one particular challenge on Gerry Francis that left him needing a few stitches



and a thigh that was black and blue for a few weeks.

It was more of a clumsy challenge than anything.

The fans love Joe's style and I feel United need someone in the same mould to replace him — someone like Cyrille Regis or Justin Fashanu.

It's obvious that Ron Atkinson likes that kind of player up front.

As for Joe's future in Italy, I think he'll cause quite a few problems for their defenders in the air.

But it's going to be difficult for him because the Italians are the best markers in the world.



I REMEMBER

JOE



JOE JORDAN is off to play in Italy with AC Milan. But how many of his old 'enemies' in the English League are sorry to see him go?

Top players recall their memorable clashes with the former Manchester United star.

Our battles pleased the fans

WILLIE YOUNG
(Arsenal)

JOE Jordan isn't the sort of player a central defender enjoys playing against.

Off the field we are good friends, but I know not to expect anything on it — he is an aggressive striker who always gives 100 per cent.

His main ability has always been his power in the air, but in recent years he's improved his skill on the ground and has become a better all round player.

We've had some good battles in the past and they've always been popular with the fans.

He didn't complain

Mick Lyons
(Everton)

YOU knew exactly what to expect from Joe Jordan — if you kicked him he'd kick you back.

But he wasn't really a dirty player and I enjoyed playing against him.

He isn't a moaner like many of the strikers in the game today — he didn't complain when he got some stick.

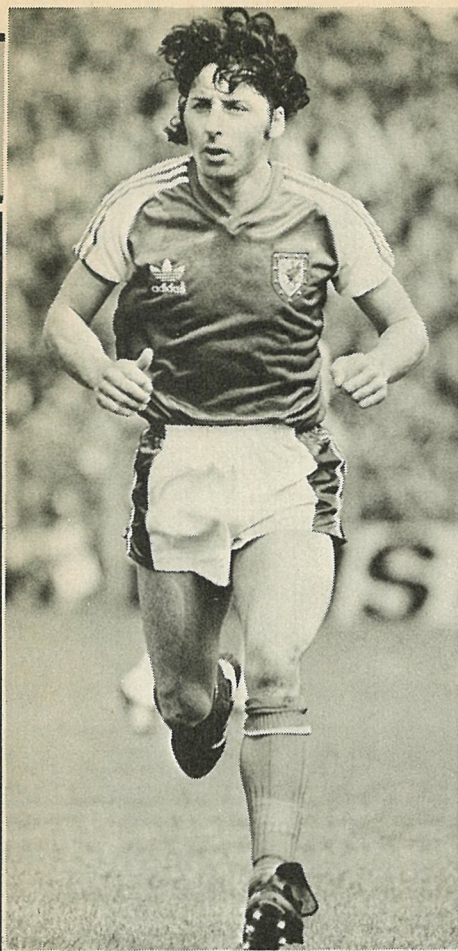
He should be a success over in Italy. We played Inter Milan at the back end of last season and they weren't terribly impressive in the air.

A player of his ability should shine.



Joe Jordan (right) during one of his memorable clashes with Arsenal's Willie Young.

● DON'T miss the view of Joe's long-time Manchester United team mate Steve Coppell over the page . . . it's exclusive to Match Weekly.



Goodbye to Mickey Thomas who's joined Everton.

MANCHESTER United and England favourite Steve Coppel writes just for you . . . it's exclusive to Match.

Gidman will the

JOHN **Gidman's** arrival at Old Trafford has given me an insight into how our new manager Ron Atkinson intends to play it next season.

John, who came from Everton in a deal involving Mickey Thomas, is an exciting, attacking full-back.

It's obvious that Ron intends United to play entertaining stuff next season.

And I'm sure that the former Aston Villa and England player's style will make him a hit with the Old Trafford fans.

The deal means it's goodbye to our midfield bundle of energy Mickey Thomas.

He'll be pleased with the move to Goodison Park for two reasons — he supported them as a lad and he won't have to travel so far each day.

Even though he joined us from Wrexham

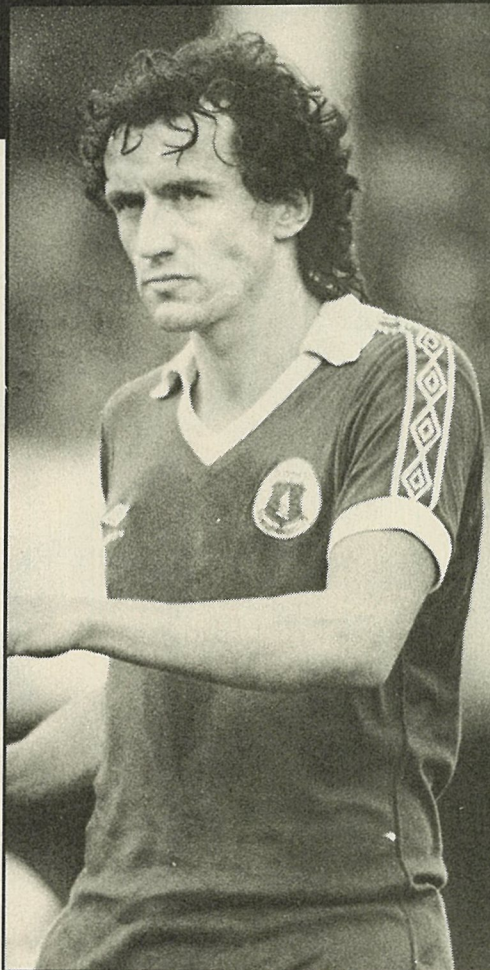
in 1978, Mickey still lives in Rhyl, North Wales, and I know that the travelling was getting him down. He wasn't keen to move house.

No disrespect to Mickey, but his departure won't affect our midfield too much — United still have players of the calibre of Sammy McIlroy, Kevin Moran, Mike Duxbury and Ray Wilkins chasing places.

His departure also means that United's 'Space Invader' title is up for grabs.

Mickey was the king, but now he's gone I reckon keeper Gary Bailey is odds-on favourite to take over.

On the subject of transfers, I wasn't surprised to hear that Joe Jordan had left the club.



Hello to my new United team-mate John Gidman.

My double celebration

I'VE finally taken the plunge and married my long-time girlfriend Jane.

We were wed at Weaverham Parish Church, near Northwich, Cheshire, on Saturday June 27.

I'd always wanted a quiet wedding and that's exactly what it was with just close family and a few friends.

I've known Jane for seven years and we'd decided some time beforehand to get married this year.

After the wedding we flew off to Florida for two weeks and then on to Bermuda.

It was a double celebration trip because it was my birthday too!

And Bermuda's weather made me feel very much at home . . . it rained!

We thought it would be nice to celebrate the dawn on my 27th year on a sun-kissed beach, but ended up hanging around the hotel because it poured all day.

It was the fourth year running that I've missed my Mum's birthday treat — a huge helping of strawberries and ice cream.

When I'm at home I always celebrate my birthday by going to my parents for tea and Mum always spoils me with an extra large helping of my favourite food.

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please fans

It's his last chance of getting lifelong security for himself and his family and I wish him luck in Italy.

United were banging their head against a brick wall because whatever offer they made to Joe the Italians could double it.

Although he has a reputation for being aggressive on the field, Joe is one of the quietest people I know when he's off the pitch.

He is an avid reader and on coach journeys you'd always find him at the back of the bus with a book.

But my lasting memory of the Scottish international will always be his clenched fist salute and toothless grin after he'd scored a goal.

Below: Trevor Brooking, in action against Liverpool's Alan Kennedy. He's relishing the prospect of Division One football with West Ham.



United's Scottish mission

UNITED kick off their pre-season schedule in bonny Scotland on Saturday.

We're taking part in a four-cornered competition in Aberdeen involving the hosts, West Ham and Southampton.

I'm not too keen on pre-season matches that put us up against First Division opposition because I believe we'll be seeing enough of each other when the campaign gets under way.

Anyway the competition takes the form of a knock-out and we're drawn against Southampton. If we beat them we'll play the winners of the Aberdeen-West Ham match in the final.

But it will give me a chance to take a closer look at First Division newcomers West Ham.

They stormed to the Second Division title last season and I'll be interested to see how they get on this term.

Talking to Trevor Brooking on England duty at the end of last season I know they are really looking forward to it.

Steve Coppell

NEXT WEEK: Paul Mariner takes you inside soccer with another of his exclusive columns.

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TRANSFERS

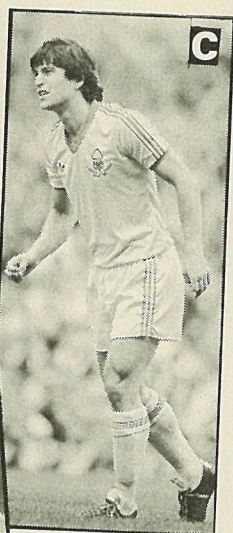
HAVE you been keeping up with the close season transfer news?

Pictured here are four players who've been involved in transfers since the season ended — can you name them and the clubs involved?

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The tops for quizzes and puzzles

PLAYER JUMBLE

BELOW are the names of five well-known international stars, but the letters are all jumbled up. Can you name them?

1. YGAN RADY
2. KOGONI TBRERVRO
3. NOLLIN ERTIAM
4. NNBRI YFALN
5. YASKN MENOSN

Missing links

CAN you fill in the missing spaces in these football facts?

1. . . . scored the winning goal for Liverpool in this year's European Cup Final.
2. Ronnie Allen is the new manager of . . .
3. Stoke goalkeeper Peter Fox began his career with . . .
4. . . . scored the winning goal in this year's FA Cup Final.
5. . . . are known as 'The Dale'.
6. Keith Robson plays for . . .
7. . . . were runners-up in this year's UEFA Cup Final.
8. 'The Ironsides' is the nickname of . . .
9. . . . is the new manager of Chelsea.
10. Bob Latchford will line up for . . . at the start of the new season.

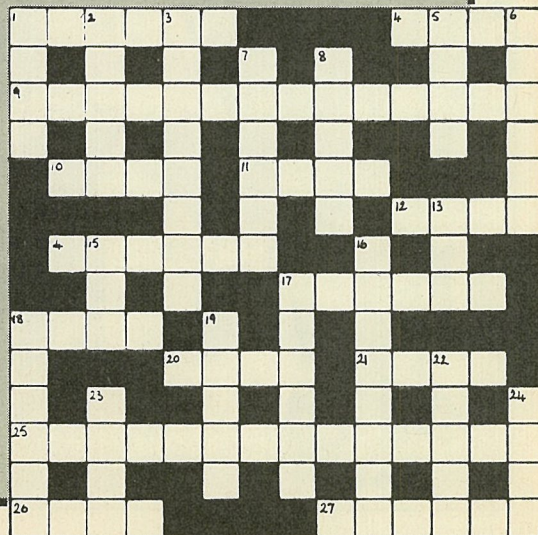
SOCCER-WORD

Across

1. England cricketer who has turned out for Scunthorpe United (6)
4. The linesman has one (4)
9. Champions of Division Four (8,6)
10. David Cross won the Golden — for being Division Two's top scorer (4)
11. & 6 down. An ever-present for WBA for the last four seasons (4,6)
12. & 22 down. Winger who has played for Manchester United, Luton, Mansfield and Blackburn (4,5)
14. A lot of spectators like to stand — the goal (6)
17. *Match Weekly's* figures proved he was the safest keeper in Division One last season (6)
18. Liverpool's nickname (4)
20. & 18 down. 'Brief folly' (anagram) — for a defender who has played over 200 games for Orient (4,6)
21. — Gowling is Bolton's Player of the Year (4)
25. Top scorer for Arsenal last season (5,9)
26. Where you'd find 'The Minster Men' (4)
27. Peter Withe scored this many League goals in 1980-81 (6)

Down

1. Irishman who was England's and Europe's Footballer of the Year in 1968 (4)
2. The ball is out when it's in this! (5)
3. & 17 down. Fit-sounding famous club on the north coast of Spain (8,6)
5. A — tackle may turn into a trip (4)
6. See 11 across
7. Cambridge and Carlisle are! (6)
8. Forest defender who was Footballer of the Year (5)
13. World Cup group which includes West Germany and Austria (3)
15. The keeper in 17 across has often been positioned at the Stretford — (3)
16. The referee will — a 'goal' if he spots an infringement (8)
17. See 3 down
18. See 20 across
19. — Division (5)
22. See 12 across
23. Willie of Wolves (4)
24. — McCulloch was top scorer for Sheffield Wednesday last season (4)



A



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CREST QUIZ

PICTURED above are the club crests of four League clubs — but do you know which clubs?

To help you solve the poser we've narrowed the field down to the following eight clubs: Hereford, Halifax, Hull, Swansea, York, Rochdale, Aldershot and Arsenal.

Solutions

QPR, B. Joe Bolton, Sunderland to Middlesbrough, C. Raimondo Ponte, Nottingham Forest to Basset, D. Clive Allen, Palace to QPR.
Player Jumble answers: 1. Andy Gray, 2. Trevor Brooking, 3. Martin O'Neill, 4. Brian Flynn, 5. Kenny Sansom.
Crossword answers: Across — 1. Botham, 4. flag, 9. Southern United, 10. Shoe, 11 & 6 down, Tony Godden, 12 & 22 down, John Aston, 14, behind, 17. Bailey, 18. Reds, 20 & 18 down, Bill Holford, 21. Alan, 25. Frank Stapleton, 26. York, 27. Twenty, Down — 1. Best, 2. touch, 3 & 17 down, Athletic Bilbao, 5. late, 6. See 11 across, 7. United, 8. Burns, 13. One, 15. End, 16. disallow, 17. See 3 down, 18. See 20 across, 19. First, 22. See 12 across, 23. Carr, 24. Andy.

Missing Links answers: 1. Alan Kennedy, 2. W.B.A., 3. Sheffield Wednesday, 4. Hicky Villa, 5. Rochdale, 6. Norwich, 7. AZ 67, 8. Newport County, 9. John Neal, 10. Swansea.
Who and Where answers: Monday — Halifax; Tuesday — Lincoln; Wednesday — Gillingham; Thursday — Charlton; Friday — Luton; Saturday — Rotherham; Sunday — Bristol Rovers; Leicester v Crewe.
Crest Quiz answers: A. Aldershot, B. Swansea, C. Hull, D. Rochdale.
Transfers answers: A. John Gregory, Brighton to Hull, D. Rochdale.

WIN A FREE TEAM STRIP

WIN a football strip in your favourite team's colours . . . that's the fabulous prize in this free to enter Spot the Difference Competition.

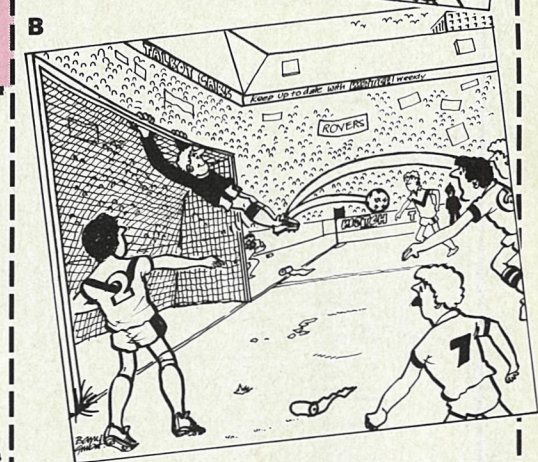
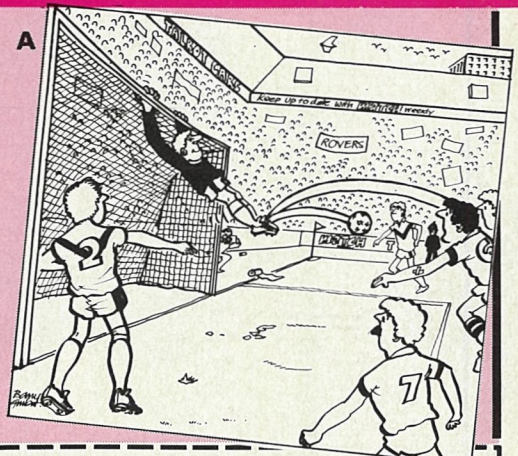
At first glance the two pictures on the right look identical, but there are ten small differences.

Find them — if you can — circle them with a pen, fill in the coupon underneath, cut round the dotted line and send it off. It's as simple as that.

We will also be giving away 25 super 'Match Weekly' lapel badges as consolation prizes . . . so get looking now!

Address your entries to Spot the Difference (Aug. 1), 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough.

Entries must reach us by August 7 and results will be announced in our August 22 issue.



WHO and WHERE

IMAGINE that you are a football reporter and that your editor wants you to attend five FA Cup second replays on neutral grounds in one week. But the only information you have is the day, the ground and the nicknames of the two teams. From the facts below tell us who is playing. All 7.30 kick-off.

Monday — The Shay: Lions v Stags.

Tuesday — Sincil Bank: Gills v Mariners.

Wednesday — The Valley: Seagulls v Eagles.

Friday — Millmoor: Hatters v Cobblers.

Saturday — Eastville: Foxes v Railwaymen.

NICKNAMES

CAN you match the following clubs with their correct nicknames?

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) Derby County | 1. The Latics |
| b) Halifax | 2. Town |
| c) Wigan | 3. The Shaymen |
| d) Norwich | 4. The Rams |
| e) Shrewsbury | 5. Gable Endies |
| f) Montrose | 6. The Canaries |

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
AGE _____
TEAM CHOICE _____
CHEST SIZE _____

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My ball . . . Garth Crooks and Olympic decathlon gold medallist Daly Thompson grapple for possession of the basketball.



RIGHT: David Vine grabs a quick word with Tony Currie before the start of the cycle race.



Take aim . . . Chelsea keeper Peter Barota during the shooting tests.



Above: Seconds before splashdown . . . Garth Crooks leads the soccer paddlers to disaster as he steers Michael Robinson, Chris Hughton and John Wile into the drink.

SOCCER SUPERTEAM

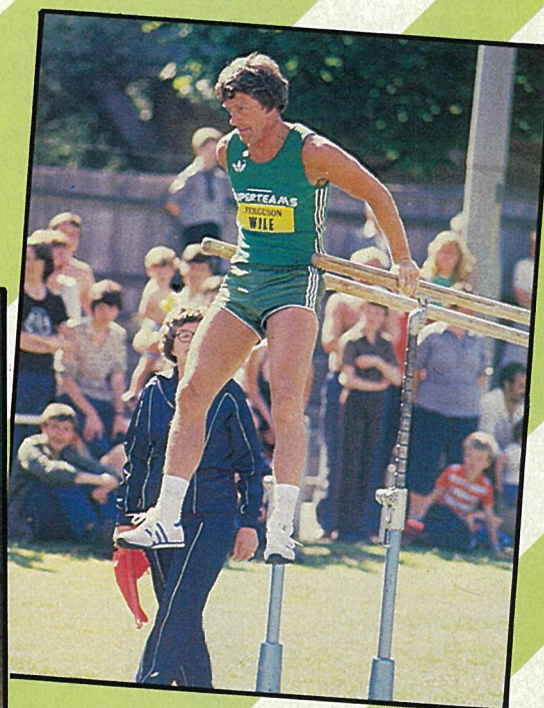
Above right: The soccer super team . . . left to right: Peter Barnes, Peter Borota, Garth Crooks, Tony Currie, Glenn Hoddle, Chris Hughton (complete with eye patch), Michael Robinson, John Wile and coach Geoff Hurst.

IT WAS a clash of the giants when world class footballers met world class athletes head-on in an Olympic style competition for the TV cameras.

And Match Weekly photographer Duncan Cubitt was there to capture some of the action in this exclusive picture special.

Over two days the stars battled over obstacles, in the pool, on the cycle track and along the river.

What was the result? . . . well that's one of BBC's best kept secrets, but you'll be able to see for yourself when the show is screened around Christmas time

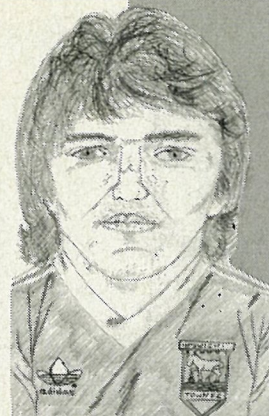
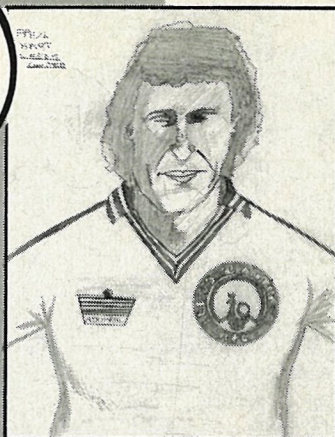


Above: Up and over goes John Wile through the obstacle course.

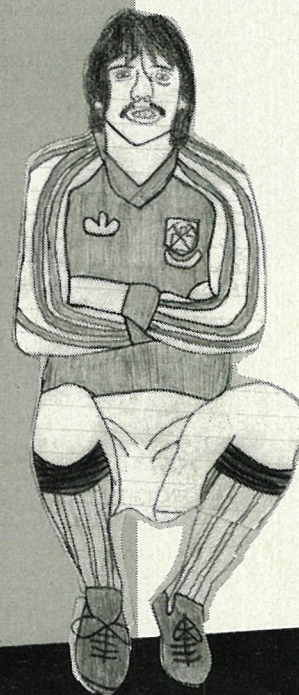
Left: All set for the gym tests . . . Peter Barnes and Michael Robinson prepare for their squat thrusts.

DRAW your favourite star and you could win £2. Just send in your drawing and tell us why you think he deserves a place in our 'Star Gallery'. Send your drawings to: 'Star Gallery', Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

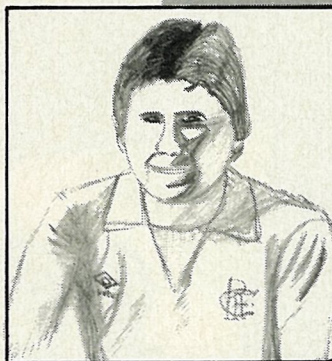
AZHAN Yusof of Orpington, Kent, reckons that Leeds reliable defender Paul Hart deserves more praise: "He's one of the best central defenders in England," he says.



"ALAN Devonshire has had a great season in midfield for West Ham," says Tina Battman, of London SE5.



IPSWICH and England defender Russell Osman has been "consistently good for his club and country," says Helen Horner, of Drighlington, near Bradford, Yorks.



BRIGHTON'S international midfielder Mark Lawrenson is "handy in all roles on the field and has the ability to take on players," says Johnathan Gibbs, of Hove, Sussex.



RANGERS keeper Jim Stewart is the subject of Argyll, Scotland, reader, Billy McPherson's drawing. He says of the former Middlesbrough player: "He's full of confidence."

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Slick Leeds

'CITY slickers' — that will be new
look Leeds United next season.

The First Division side will be
sporting a new pin-striped shirt
for their first home game of the
season against Everton on
Wednesday September 2.

Manager Allan Clarke worked
closely with manufacturers
Umbro International on the new
design.

He says: "It's part of the new
image we're trying to create at
the club."

United will also have a new
look on their travels. The away
strip has been re-designed in
yellow and blue trim and there's
also a new tracksuit in club
colours.

Trevor Cherry in the 'new-look'
Leeds strip.



Repeat for Ron

JOE Jordan's shock move to Italian
club AC Milan was a personal
setback to Manchester United's
new manager Ron Atkinson . . .
but it wasn't a new experience for
the Old Trafford boss.

"I had exactly the same
situation when Laurie
Cunningham left West Brom to go
to Real Madrid.

"What can you do when a

foreign club offer the kind of
money no English club can
possibly match.

"I'm sorry to see Joe leave
because he was one of the most
improved players at United, but I
can understand why he did it.

"He's after the kind of money
that will give him and his family
security for the rest of their lives."

MATCHWINNERS

LUCKY winner of the Match Weekly
Crossword Competition No. 64 was
Ian Robinson of Banbury, Oxon, who
wins a super stereo record player.

The following ten runners-up each
receive a photograph of Wolves and
Scotland striker Andy Gray: Graham
Lamb, Whitfield, Manchester; Roslan
Yusof, Orpington, Kent; Stephen
Penny, Portishead, Bristol; Elaine
Roach, Denton, Manchester; Ian Ellis,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire; Andrew
Bradshaw, Exmouth, Devon; Adrian
Keeley, Norwich, Norfolk; David
Lewis, Drive, Liverpool; David
Jarman, Kennington, Kent; and Frank
Smith, Hoddesdon, Herts.

The correct answers were: ACROSS
— 1 bounce; 4 Posh; 9 Luther Blissett;
10 knee; 11 lley; 12 and 14 John
Duncan; 17 Bailey; 18 trip; 20 FIFA; 21
ties; 25 Stamford Bridge; 26 Pike; 27
Waters.

DOWN: 1 Bill; 2 and 23 down Upton
Park; 3 Clemence; 5 open; 6 Hatton; 7
O'Brien; 8 Giles; 13 one; 15 Uli; 16
Victoria; 17 beards; 18 toss up; 19
Simon; 22 Eddie; 24 and 23 Dens Park.

What are Spurs defender Chris
Hughton and Chelsea
goalkeeper Petar Borota up to
on the basketball court —
apart from a little cheating to
get the ball in the net! You'll
find the answer later in this
issue . . .



Cannon's pledge to Palace

CRYSTAL Palace skipper Jim Cannon, who at one time looked set to leave the club, is now happy to stay at Selhurst Park.

Jim told Match Weekly: "I'm determined to help get Palace back in the First Division.

"I like the look of the way things are moving at the club and I'm sure we can be in the promotion race next season."

Back in May Jim revealed to Match Weekly that he wasn't happy about dropping back down into the Second Division and had the right offer come

along it seemed he would leave.

"I never asked to go on the transfer list, but had a First Division team come in for me I would have been interested. Now I've got things sorted out and I'm happy to see out my contract which still has two years to run.

"I've been impressed with the ideas of manager Dario Gradi and I'm sure he can get the club back on the right road.

"The players have tasted life in the First Division and now know that it's the place to be."

Knowles comeback

FORMER Wolves midfielder Peter Knowles is making a comeback at Molineux.

He'll line up in a testimonial against Derby County for his old pal Kenny Hibbitt on August 23.

Penalty crazy!

IT needed a crazy penalty shoot-out to settle an extraordinary cup game between Bahia and Vitoria in Brazil.

With the game level at 3-3 after normal time it went to penalties and Bahia finally crept through 20-19!

The amazing thing is that there were four penalties during normal time!

Fashanu down-under

NORWICH and England Under-21 striker Justin Fashanu was given

special leave of absence when his team mates returned for pre-season training.

Fashanu has been playing for Australian side Adelaide City during the close season . . . and he found himself in with a chance of helping them collect a League and Cup double!

Transatlantic triumph for Bond and Daley

FORMER Norwich City captain Kevin Bond and ex-Manchester City midfielder Steve Daley combined to bring their team — Seattle Sounders — victory in the Transatlantic Challenge Cup.

Bond scored twice and Daley once to give Seattle a 3-3 draw with New York Cosmos in the final . . . and they took the trophy on goal difference.

At one time Seattle were trailing 2-0. In the play-off for third place, Scottish League Champions Celtic beat Southampton 2-1 with goals from Davie Provan and Charlie Nicholas. Steve Moran scored for 'Saints'.

● Kevin Bond has been honoured as the Professional Soccer Reporters Association's first "Player of the Week".

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Warters

Gidman for England

Full-back John Gidman can become an England player again — that's the view of Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson, who signed the player from Everton in a swap deal involving Mike Thomas.

Gidman — a fast attacking back — won his single England cap against Luxembourg in 1977.

Just the ticket

COVENTRY hope their decision to make their ground a 20,000 all-seater will double season ticket sales to 10,000.

Hard man Moran

RAY Wilkins reckons he's "possibly the hardest player since Chelsea's Ron Harris"; Lou Macari is adamant he's "the hardest player in the First Division."

The man they are talking about is Manchester United defender Kevin Moran.

Kevin himself says: "I do try to compete for every ball and I'm fairly well built, so part of my game is strength.

"I reckon I have a fair chance against anyone in a fifty-fifty tackle."

STUFFED SKUNK!

TULSA Roughnecks goakeeper Zeljko Bilecki has vowed never to wear a yellow jersey again.

"The last time I wore yellow the other team scored four goals so I'm not risking it again.

"Goalkeepers are superstitious people. I knew one that used to keep a stuffed skunk in the back of his net.

"And another who used to run round his goal three times before the start of a match."

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WHO will go up from the Fourth Division next season?

Four stars who made the climb last season take a look at the Division they've left behind and tip the teams to follow them into the Third Division.

I'M TIPPING two of my former clubs — Bury and Blackpool — for promotion to the Third Division.

But I don't think either of them will win the Championship — my money is on Colchester to do that.

Their record is incredible — they're always bouncing between Division's Three and Four.

And I reckon it's that experience which will help

them bounce straight back after being relegated last term.

Bury came good towards the end of last season and they'll continue that improvement next term — manager Jim Iley seems to have got things sorted out at Gigg Lane.

I would love Blackpool to win the championship — the area needs success and it would be such a boost if they could go up in first place.

Hull, another of the relegated teams, could get straight back, but I reckon that Sheffield United will have to wait for at least another year.

United have never played in the Fourth Division and it's going to take them time to get used to it.

Mansfield failed to win promotion last season, but under new player-manager Stuart Boam they'll be a force to be reckoned with.

Incredible Colchester!

DEREK SPENCE
(Southend)

WHO'S GOING UP?

Derek Spence

1. Colchester
2. Bury
3. Blackpool
4. Hull

George Shipley

1. Sheffield United
2. Blackpool
3. Peterborough
4. Hull

United have the cash

GEORGE SHIPLEY (Lincoln)

PORT VALE just managed to escape re-election last season, but I reckon they'll be one of the surprise packages this term.

We played them on Boxing Day last season and although we beat them 1-0 their first half display was incredible — they played some smashing football.

But I reckon Sheffield United will take the Fourth Division crown — with their money and resources they must be odds on favourites.

They've got the cash to buy players which gives them a big advantage over the other clubs.

Peterborough United will once again be up there — I rate them as one of the best footballing sides in the Division.

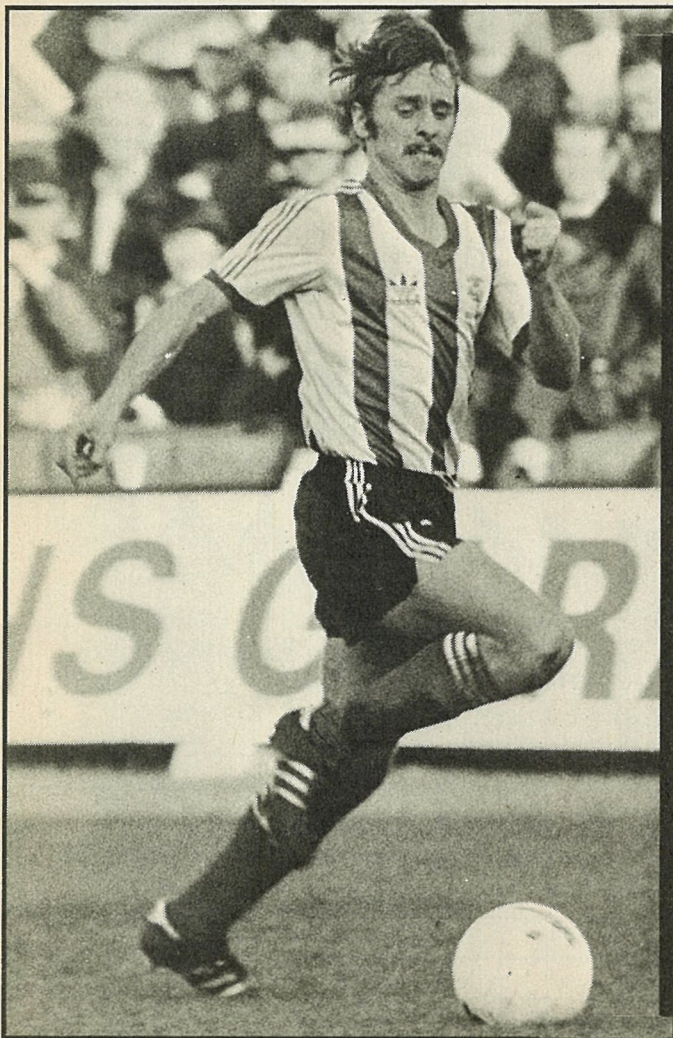
That's one of the reasons they haven't gone up before — they play too much football.

Aldershot always seem to have a good start and then fall away so I can't see them challenging for honours.

The Fourth Division is a tough place to get out of — you've got to play disciplined football and stick to a rigid system.

You can't play total football and expect to get promotion because it's a rough and tough league.

Left: George Shipley of Lincoln — watch out for Port Vale he says.



IT'S POSH

At the third attempt

THE disappointment of missing out on promotion two years running could spur Peterborough to the Fourth Division title.

That fact and the experience their younger players have gained over the last couple of seasons will stand them in good stead.

They impressed me as a good all-round footballing side when we played them.

Their young striker — Robbie Cooke — exploded on to the Fourth Division scene last year and I reckon he'll be among the goals again.

Bury and Mansfield will also be in contention, along with all the relegated teams except for Hull, who finished bottom of the Third Division.

We played Hull twice last

PAT LALLY (Doncaster)

season and to be honest they were one of the worst teams I've ever seen.

They didn't seem to want to play — I couldn't understand them.

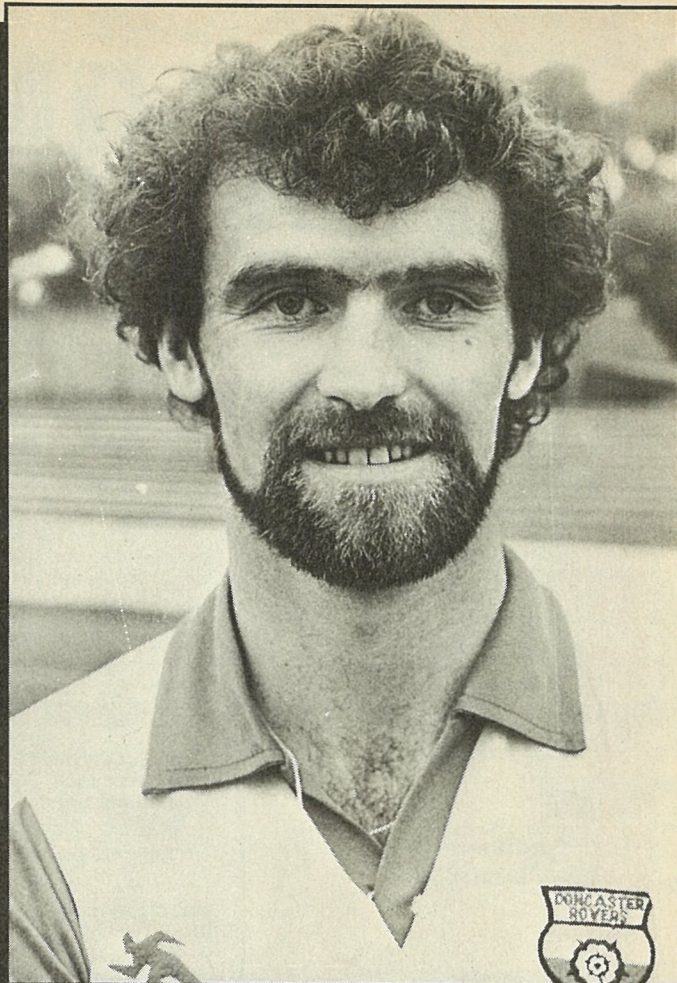
Hartlepool surprised a lot of people last season and finished eighth but I can't see them making much more progress.

To get out of the Fourth Division you need four or five experienced players and strength in the middle of defence.

A strong central defensive partnership is essential because the Fourth Division has a few big boot merchants who just hammer the ball up-field.

The experience comes in useful when you go a goal up or one down. You need players in the team who know how to react.

Right: Doncaster defender Pat Lally rates Peterborough as the team to beat.



Pat Lally

1. Peterborough
2. Sheffield United
3. Bury
4. Colchester United

Alan Cork

1. Mansfield
2. Aldershot
3. Sheffield United
4. Blackpool

Get your money on Mansfield

ALAN CORK (Wimbledon)

MANSFIELD'S new player manager Stuart Boam could lead his team to the Fourth Division title in his first year in charge.

'The Stags' were one of the best teams we played last season and I reckon they're a good bet to go up.

The players will be keen to impress their new boss and this should help them get off to good start which is vital.

Aldershot always seem to be there or thereabouts without ever making it and they could challenge again this season.

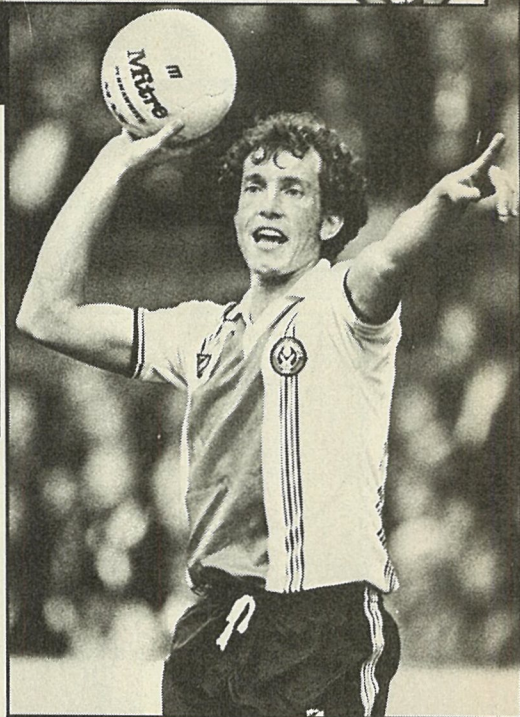
Of the relegated teams Sheffield United and Blackpool should make the keenest challenge.

Both clubs are steeped in history and will want to get out of the Fourth Division as soon as possible.

A lot of people slam the division and say that you've got to kick your way out, but I don't believe that.

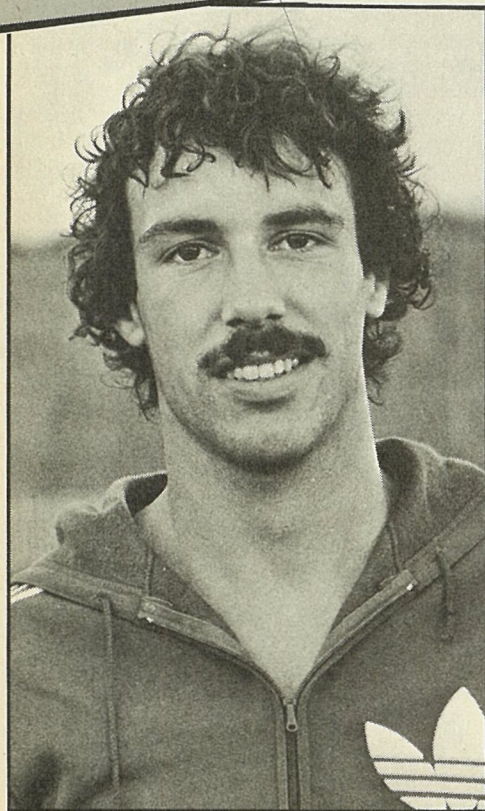
If you keep playing football you'll get your just rewards.

But there's no doubt that it's a difficult division to get out of and a good start is an absolute must.



Above: Former Man. Utd. defender Stewart Houston will be trying to get Sheffield United out of the Fourth Division at the first attempt.

Left: Wimbledon's Alan Cork tips Mansfield to go up to the Third Division as champions.



Match — the magazine with the stories to set you talking.

HANDY ANDY

STEVE Hunt's spectacular effort in driving rain against Birmingham might have won the Midlands goal of the season, but team-mate Andy Blair's swerver must have run it a close second. Albion were the visitors to Highfield Road and looking to bring the new League Cup semi-finalists quickly down to earth after their midweek 5-0 replay defeat of Watford.

But Scottish Under 21 international Andy Blair had other ideas and struck with a superb goal in four minutes. "I got the ball inside my own half and played it up to Mark Hateley. He was fetched down by Ally Robertson but the referee allowed us advantage when the ball broke to Danny Thomas.

ANDY BLAIR (COVENTRY CITY)

v WEST BROMWICH ALBION

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

DECEMBER 13, 1980

"Gary Owen closed him down so he played it square to me and after dummieing Bryan Robson I just hit it and it swerved just inside Tony Godden's post.

"I really struck it well — it felt great," added Andy who helped The Sky Blues to an eventual 3-0 triumph.



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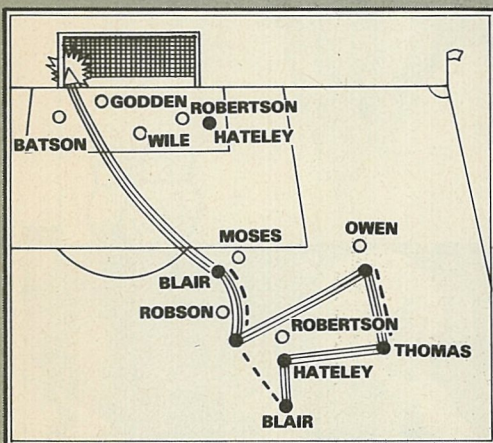
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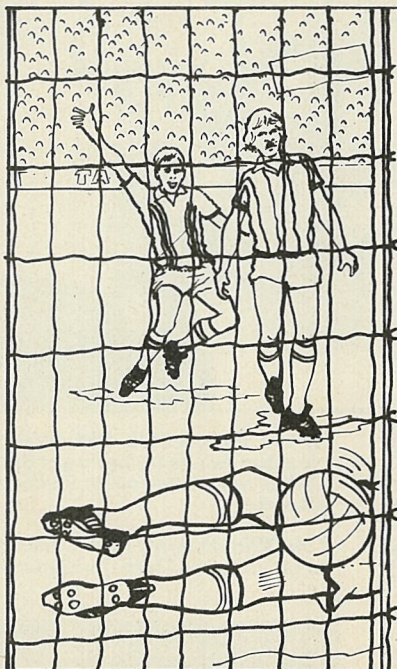
our Design Editor and the winner published in our August 22 issue.

● Note: Coventry were playing in the usual light blue and dark blue strip while Albion were in the change colours of yellow and green striped shirts with green shorts and yellow socks with green trimmings.



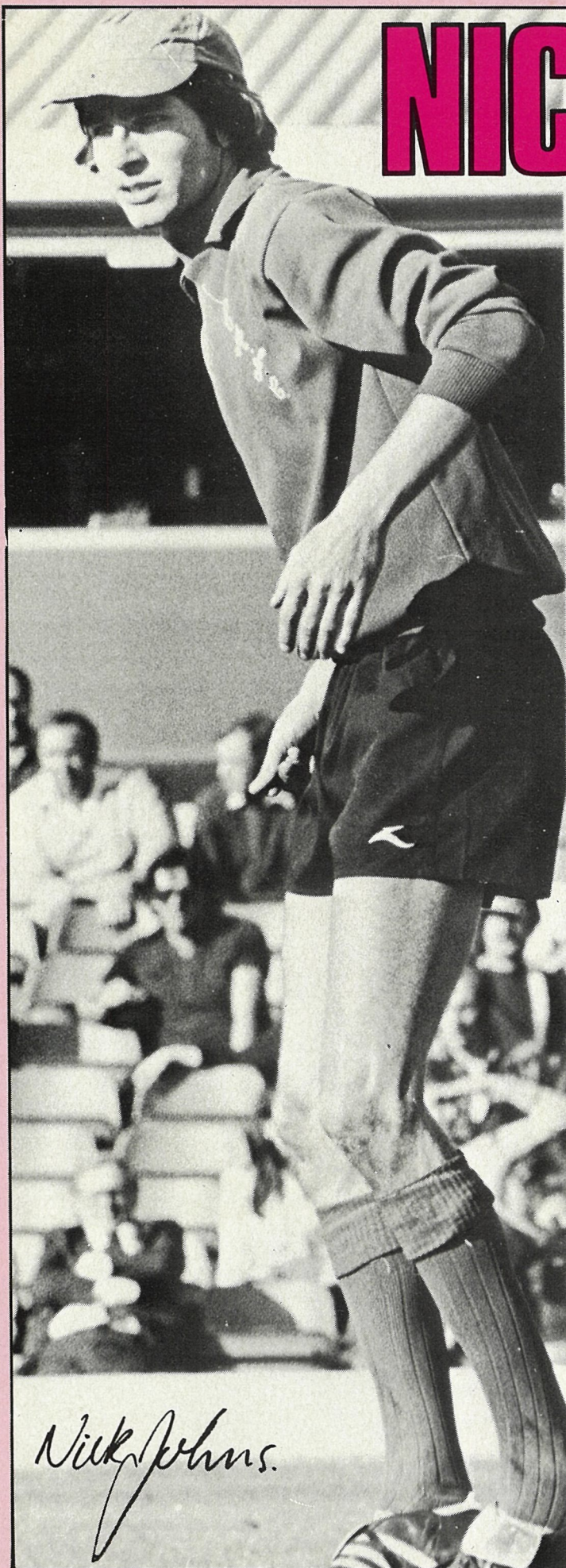
Our diagram shows how Andy Blair started and finished the move which led to his goal.

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CLASS 1/2/3 *Delete as necessary



NICKY JOHNS

CHARLTON



FULL NAME: Nicholas Paul Johns.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Bristol/June 8, 1957.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 2ins/12st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Alison.
CHILDREN: Paul (22 months).
CAR: Ford Cortina 1600.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Millwall, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Sheffield Utd (on loan).
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Engineer.
WORST EVER INJURY: 25 stitches in a head wound.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Ray Clemence (Liverpool) and Peter Shilton (Forest) — both have outstanding ability.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Millwall.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Franz Beckenbauer (West Germany) — he has the ability to make the game look easy.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Wilson (England), England (Wales), Moore (England), McGrain (Scotland), Ball, Charlton R (England), Giles (Eire), Dalglish, Law (Scotland), Best (Northern Ireland).
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore, Breitner (W. Germany), Gerson (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Maradona (Argentina), Muller (W. Germany), Pele (Brazil), Best.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Selhurst Park.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Tampa Bay Rowdies, Florida.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Any I score in a five-a-side are special to me!
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Derek Hales for Charlton against Chesterfield, last season — he hit one from about 30 yards!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup second round (1977-78) when Millwall beat Newcastle (then in Division One) 2-0.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Gaining promotion to Division Two last season with Charlton.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Getting relegated with Charlton to Division Three in 1979-80.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Badminton and squash.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: 'Last of the Summer Wine' and 'MASH'.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: 'Panorama'.
FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Veal.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood/Barbra Streisand.
BEST FILM SEEN IN THE PAST YEAR: 'Heaven Can Wait'.
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents, former Millwall manager Theo Foley.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing.
SUPERSTITIONS: I like to be second out of the tunnel.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Egg on toast, followed by peaches.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Paul Walsh (Charlton).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Muhammad Ali.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: You only get out of the game what you put in.

ALLAN EVANS

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Eye-opener for McFarland

FORMER England centre-half Roy McFarland cut short his playing career to become boss of Fourth Division Bradford City.

"When Derby released me at the end of last season I still reckoned I had a couple of playing years left," admitted Roy, who made over 400 League appearances for 'The Rams'.

"I went to see Bradford only out of courtesy — I had no plans to go into management so soon.

"But their chairman Bob Martin sold the club to me and convinced me there was potential at Valley Parade.

"I've always fancied getting into management, but the Bradford offer came right out of the blue."

To prepare for his new career on the other side of the desk Roy attended a manager's course along with his former Derby team-mate John Duncan — now in charge at Scunthorpe.

"It was a real eye-opener. The course taught me things I'd taken for granted," said Roy.

"Managers who've been on the same course include Alan Durban (Sunderland), Terry Venables (QPR) and Richie Barker (Stoke) — if I'm as successful as those I'll be happy," added Roy, who picked up two First Division Championship medals in his 14 years at the Baseball Ground.

One of his first jobs when he took charge was to appoint former Mansfield boss Mick Jones as his assistant.

"He's very important to me. He knows the Fourth Division like the back of his hand and his experience will be invaluable."

Although he's officially player-manager Roy hasn't decided how often he will turn out for the first team.

"We'll have to wait and see. I'm doing pre-season training with the rest of the players so

... the new boss of Bradford City reveals the facts behind his move into management.

"I'll be fit if I'm needed."

The former Derby skipper would have won more than his 28 England caps if his career hadn't been ravaged by injuries but he says:

"I had more than my fair share, but I'm not bitter — injuries are part and parcel of the game and you've got to accept them.

"Now I'm diverting my attention into making a success of my new job in charge of Bradford."

Right: Former Derby skipper Roy McFarland — taking his first step into management with Bradford City.

Below: Bradford City's midfielder Garry Watson.



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Andrew Austin, 35 Thorn Road, Padgate, Warrington, Cheshire.

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72/73 and 73/74.

Martin Gale, 2 Burslem Ave, Hainault, Essex.

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REFEREE! It's that acrobatic Everton crowd again — this time in the shape of Eamon O'Keefe.



REFEREE! We've heard of bending over backwards for your club but this is ridiculous! Manchester City's Gerry Gow (left) gets himself into an incredible position as Everton's Asa Hartford goes for the more conventional upright approach.

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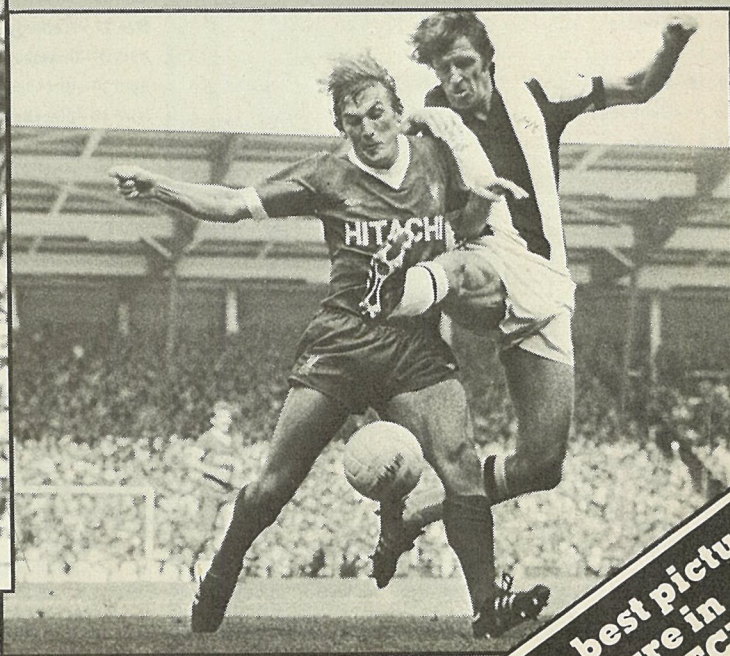
A MATCH Weekly picture special on some of soccer's more acrobatic challenges . . .

FLIERS!



REFEREE! This pose from Arsenal defender Willie Young (left) would grace any high-kicking chorus line . . . while West Ham's Stuart Pearson — eyes tightly shut — seems to favour the flying karate kick.

REFEREE! Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish (left) finds his way barred by the outstretched leg of West Brom skipper John Wile as he lunges for the ball.



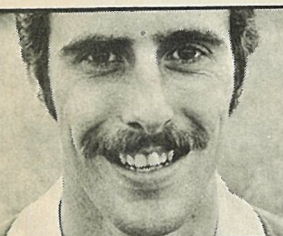
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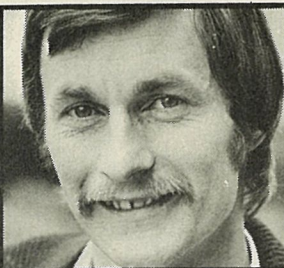
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Mick McCarthy — in the Second Division with promoted Barnsley.

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Mick Speight — a driving force in midfield for Blackburn.

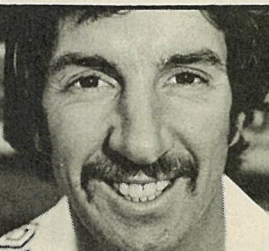
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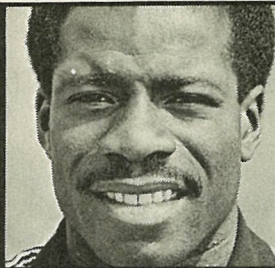
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Bolton's reliable defender Peter Nicholson.



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Bob Mitchell of Grimsby
— his team narrowly
missed promotion last
season.

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Sept 19 — Sheff Wed	A
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Oct 3 — Charlton	A
Oct 10 — Newcastle	A



Derby manager Colin Addison
is hoping he can
plot his side's return to
Division One.

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Oct 24 — C Palace	A
Oct 31 — Grimsby	H
Nov 7 — Luton	A
Nov 14 — Wrexham	H
Nov 21 — Norwich (1)	A
Nov 25 — Cambridge	H
Nov 28 — Chelsea	H
Dec 5 — Cardiff	A
Dec 12 — Oldham (2)	H
Dec 19 — Watford	A
Dec 26 — Barnsley	H

Derby

Dec 28 — Rotherham	A
Jan 9 — Shrewsbury	H
Jan 16 — Orient	A
Jan 30 — Sheff Wed	H
Feb 6 — Leicester	A
Feb 13 — Charlton (5)	H
Feb 20 — QPR	A
Feb 27 — Newcastle	H
Mar 6 — Blackburn (6)	A
Mar 13 — C Palace (LCF)	H
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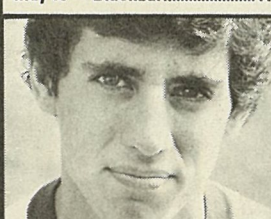
Former Arsenal 'keeper Paul Barron — in the Sec-
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**Chelsea's young defen-
der Gary Chivers** — he'll
be helping the London
team's push.

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OUTRAGED!

Breathless Brooking

I'M outraged at the way everyone is praising West Ham's Trevor Brooking.

In the match against Hungary he mis-hit his first goal and the second was plain lucky — it had a 50/50 chance of going over the bar.

His age has also caught up with him. When the television commentators interviewed him

he was out of breath! Mark Roberts (13), Prestatyn.

● You would be out of breath if you had played your heart out like Trevor did that night. You're sent off for being so heartless.

Sent off!
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Stop the complaints

TO STOP the constant arguing when a referee gives a free kick I reckon the Football League should take a leaf out of rugby union's book.

They should order the kick to be taken 10 yards further forward — that would stop the players complaining.

Ian Makepeace (14), Sittingbourne, Kent.

Booked!
£2

● THE way some players argue they'll be sent so far back they'll end up on the terraces with the fans. If there is any nonsense the ref should book them ... like I'm doing to you!

Liverpool lover!

WHY don't you admit that you support Liverpool?

It's obvious because whenever anyone writes in complaining about Liverpool you always book or send them off.

I don't have anything against Liverpool myself because my team, Arsenal, have a good record against the European champions.

I just don't like the way you're so biased against people who criticise them.

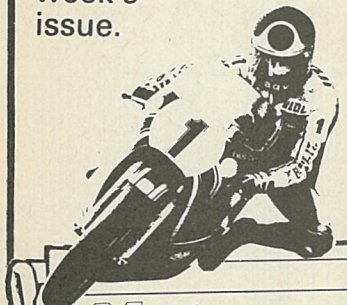
Richard Page, Plumstead, London.

● YOU'RE wrong ... and booked! I don't support them. They just happen to be the best around at the moment.

Booked!
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THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE

Full report on Silverstone Grand Prix in this week's issue.



Motor Cycle News

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Time to axe Archie

IT'S time Birmingham City manager Jim Smith replaced his midfield stars Archie Gemmill and Kevin Dillon.

Former Scottish international Archie is past his best now and Kevin has never come up to expectations — buy now Jim before it's too late! Mark Mayo (13), Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham.

Robson is better than Hoddle

WEST BROM'S Bryan Robson is one of the most under-rated players in the game today.

Everyone goes on about the creative talents of Spurs' Glenn Hoddle but in my mind Robson is head and shoulders above the inconsistent Hoddle.

He's one of the main reasons we're still in with a chance of qualifying for the World Cup Finals in Spain next year — his performance against Hungary was incredible.

Paul Heaney, West Midlands.

Right: Bryan Robson of West Brom — more consistent than Spurs' Glenn Hoddle, says Paul Heaney.

Jordan's aggression will be missed

GOODBYE Joe — the First Division will miss you!

I was disappointed to hear that Joe Jordan had decided to leave Manchester United and join Italy's AC Milan.

For me he's one of Scotland's best strikers and United will miss his aggression in the air and skill on the ground.

David Antat (12), Exeter, Devon.

United have blundered

MAN UTD should never have sacked manager Dave Sexton but now they've made things even worse by axing all their top backroom boys.

It annoys me to see new managers come to a club and get rid of all the staff.

I couldn't see any reason for United to sack their trainer, physio and other staff — they'd done nothing wrong!

Kelvin Turner, Stoke-on-Trent.

Real entertainment

I AGREE with Sheffield Wednesday's Ian Mellor, who said give a points for goals bonus.

Two points for a win and one for a draw would be sufficient if the Football League introduced extra bonus points to teams scoring more than four in a match.

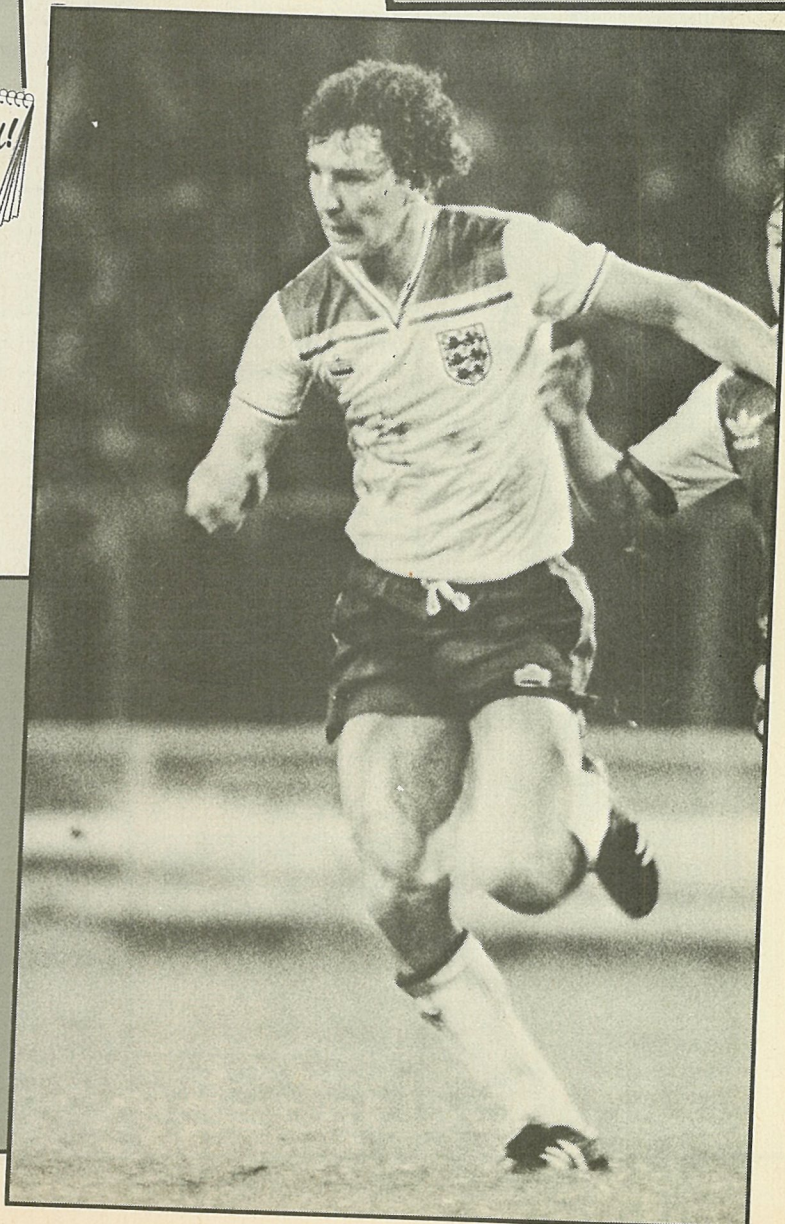
That would entertain the fans! John Berrisford, Nethergreen, Sheffield.

Points for goals

POINTS for goals — that's the only way to make the game more entertaining.

That way teams have to go out and score goals. Three points for a win won't change the game in anyway at all — it still means that sides will sit on their lead.

Michael Hogg, Musselburgh, East Lothian.



It just won't WORK!

IT'S thumbs down to the Football League's new three points for a win idea. Match readers just don't think the new system will work. Here's a selection of letters we received on the subject . . .

WHAT A BORE

DEFENSIVE tactics are all that the new points system will produce.

If teams playing away from home get an early goal they're going to be even more determined to defend it with an extra point at stake.

This new system is designed to

pack the terraces again — but they'll be empty by Christmas!

Boring defensive teams like Leeds, Everton, Forest and Arsenal must be rubbing their hands with glee in anticipation of next season.

Richard Sheppard (15), Erdington, Birmingham.

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TERRACE TALK

SEND your letters to Terrace Talk, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB. We'll pay £2 for each one published with a special prize of £10 for the Star Letter.

Reward the winners

VISITING teams should be given an extra point for a win — that would encourage attacking football.

Give the away team the incentive of an extra point and I'm sure they'd try harder to score.

The proposed three points for a win won't make any difference at all.

Robin Pace,
Holme-on-Spalding Moor,
Yorks.

Now they have to attack

THREE points for a win is an excellent idea as it will make teams like Manchester United and Stoke attack instead of playing dull, negative football.

It will also make for an exciting end of season with everyone fighting for points.

John Rowley,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

What a MACnificent team . . .

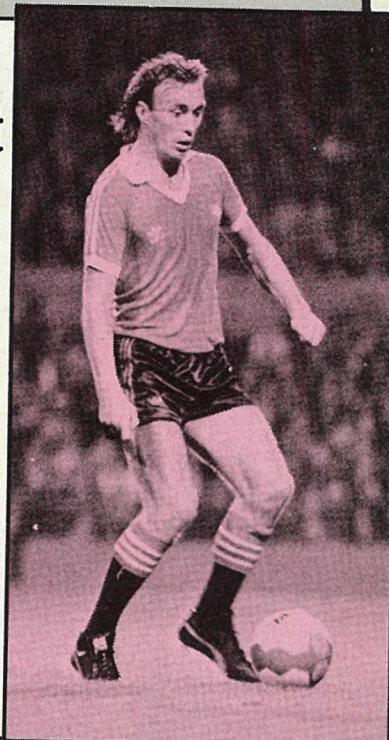
MAC-NIFICENT — that's this talented line-up.

I've produced this team of players whose surnames begin with 'Mac' or 'Mc' and I think you'll agree it takes some beating.

Here's my team: Jim McDonagh (Everton), John McDowell (Norwich), Bobby McDonald (Man City), Ken McNaught (Aston Villa), Gordon McQueen (Man Utd), Steve McMahon (Everton), Lou Macari (Man Utd), Dixie McNeil (Wrexham), Steve Mackenzie (Man City) and Terry McDermott (Liverpool).

Neil Auburn, Duston, Northampton.

Right: Man Utd's Sammy McIlroy



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RECORD RECEIPTS: £37,805.22 v Chelsea, FA Cup fifth round, February 18, 1978.

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1961-62; Division Three

champions: 1969-70; Division

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1955-56; Division Three (South)

runners-up; 1954-55; F.A. Cup

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(1977-78); Football League Cup

best season: fifth round (1963).

RECORD VICTORY: 9-2 v

Aldershot, Division Three

(South), February 10, 1934 and

9-2 v Chester, League Cup third

round, October 15, 1962.

RECORD DEFEAT: 0-8 v Aston

Villa, FA Cup fourth round,

January 30, 1929.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 66,

Division Three (South), 1955-56.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 106,

Division Three (South), 1955-56.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A

SEASON: Tom Johnston, 35,

Division Two, 1957-58.

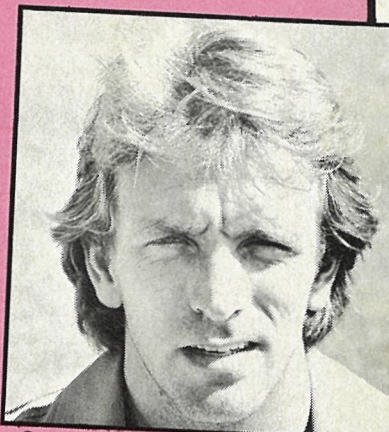
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL AGGREGATE: Tom Johnston, 121, 1956-58 and 1959-61.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Tony Grealish, 8, Eire.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Peter Allen, 430, 1965-78.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £210,000 from QPR for Glen Roeder, August 1978.

RECORD TRANSFER PAID: £100,000 to West Ham for Mervyn Day, July 1979 and £100,000 to West Ham for Billy Jennings, August 1979.



One of Orient's record signings, Billy Jennings.

SAMMY McIlroy

Manchester United
and N Ireland



match
WEEKLY

NICK HOLMES

Southampton



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Cosmos 'will' sign Maradona

DIEGO Maradona — the Argentinian wonder boy tipped to set next year's World Cup finals alight — is the target of American giants New York Cosmos.

Rafael de la Sierra, vice president of Cosmos, declares:

"We will sign Maradona after the World Cup Finals."

Barcelona also want Maradona's signature, but de la Sierra says: "Cosmos are the only club in the world with more money than Barcelona."

While the news won't unduly worry Argentina boss Cesar Menotti he has talked himself into a tight corner in the run up to Spain '82.

During Brazil's recent tour of Europe Menotti said:

"West Germany are the best team in the world and better than both Brazil and Argentina by at least a couple of goals."

Alas his prediction went wrong as Brazil recorded their seventh victory in nine games against the Germans . . . beating England and France along the way.

And that has given the Brazilians a

considerable psychological advantage over Argentina.

Menotti now wants to arrange a game with Brazil before next year's finals . . . but the Brazilians are not keen.

They prefer to maintain their position as favourites to win the World Cup for a fourth time without spoiling their "bogey team" image.

On a lighter note, Menotti, it appears, will not have a haircut until after the finals for superstitious reasons!



The end for Bettega?

BITTER attacks on former World Cup star Roberto Bettega (above) have almost certainly spelled the end of his international career for Italy.

Bettega, whose partnership with Paolo Rossi was the talk of the last finals, now seems destined for the international scrap heap.

One headline — following Italy's 3-1 World Cup qualifier defeat in Denmark — read: "Bettega has nothing left for Italy."

This season the greying former winger has scored only five goals for his club Juventus and at 30 years-of-age his time at the top appears to be over . . . at least as far as Italian newspapermen are concerned.

WORLD CUP '82



Scrapbook

Krol's the tops

FORMER Dutch World Cup star Ruud Krol has been voted the top player in Italy for his classy defensive performances for Naples in their championship challenge last season.

Manager merry-go-round

ONLY three World Cup managers have survived the tricky trail from Argentina '78 to the threshold of Spain '82.

The three who led their teams in the last World Cup finals and still have the chance to do it again next year are Menotti: of Argentina, Hidalgo of France and Bearzot of Italy.

All 13 of the other 1978 managers have been replaced including Coutinho of Brazil, Schoen of West Germany, Happel of Holland, McLeod of Scotland, Kubala of Spain, Baroti of Hungary and Senekowitsch of Austria.

The current list includes:

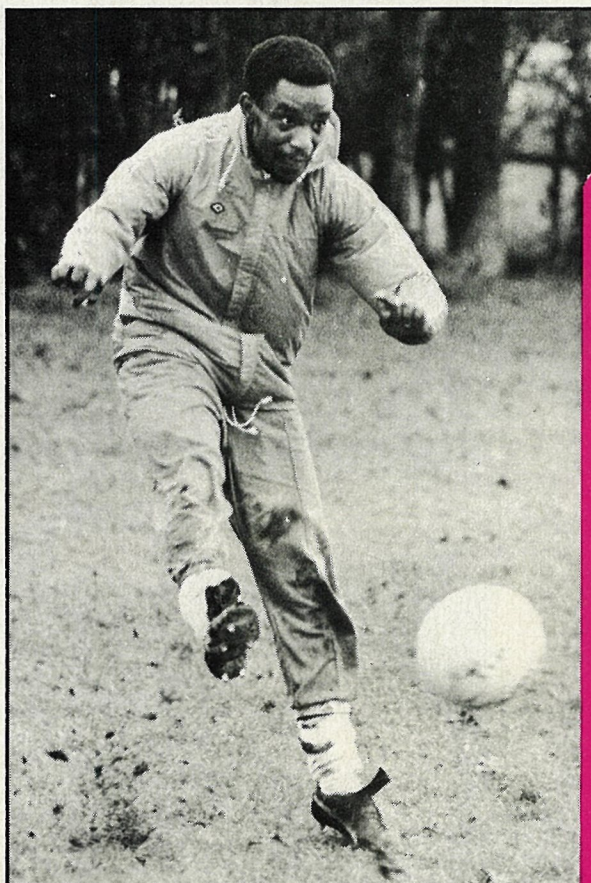
Argentina — Menotti; Austria — Stotz; Brazil — Santana; France — Hidalgo; West Germany — Durwall; Italy — Bearzot; Mexico — Cardenas; Holland — Rijvers; Poland — Piechnizek; Scotland — Stein; Spain — Santamaria; Sweden — Anesson; Tunisia — Kulesza; Hungary — Meszoly.

Spain scare

SPAIN'S World Cup squad were involved in an airport scare when their plane's brakes failed as it landed in Vigo.

Luckily the plane came to a standstill right at the end of the runway and no-one was hurt.

Many of the players on the flight from Madrid were badly shaken however and may not be looking forward to all the flying there will be during the World Cup finals.



Argentina out!

YOUNG Spanish striker 'Pichi' Alonso claims: "Argentina are not good enough to hold on to the World Cup."

Alonso, who had a fine goal scoring spree in the Spanish League, rates Brazil, West Germany and his own country Spain as the top three for '82.

Cunningham stays put

LAURIE Cunningham, who could have such an important part to play if England reach the World Cup Finals in Spain, has revealed: "All I want to do is succeed with Real Madrid."

Cunningham, whose future has been in doubt for some time now, seems set to stay with Real.

Injured for much of last season, he has given up his summer holidays to make sure he is 100 per cent fit for next season.

"No-one has caused me any problems during the time I have been with Madrid. Not one player has snubbed me and I just want to do well for the club."

Although Cunningham will be hoping to play a part in England's World Cup bid he rates West Germany and Brazil as favourites to lift the trophy.

Left: England international Laurie Cunningham — staying put with Real Madrid.

GLENN Hoddle — the England international midfielder writes just for you.

Hooray for Hammers

THE First Division will be a more exciting place next season now that West Ham have joined the ranks.

'Hammers' have always been one of my favourite teams because I admire their style of play so I was delighted when they were promoted.

They stormed to the Second Division championship by playing attacking, entertaining football and I'm sure they'll hold their own in the top flight.

That's more than I can say for the other two promoted teams. I

... but County could struggle

reckon Swansea will consolidate their position, but I fear Notts County could struggle.

I know from experience how big the gap between the two divisions is because I was a member of the Tottenham team that got promoted in 1978.

GLENN HODDLE

THE biggest names are in Match Weekly.

Game set and match

IT'S not exactly Bjorn Borg versus John McEnroe, but my tennis matches against Garth Crooks seem to draw the same sort of crowds!

Garth and I are finding it very difficult to finish off our series of matches because we keep getting invaded by youngsters!

All the courts we play on seem to be near schools and by the time we've reached the second set we're surrounded by young fans.

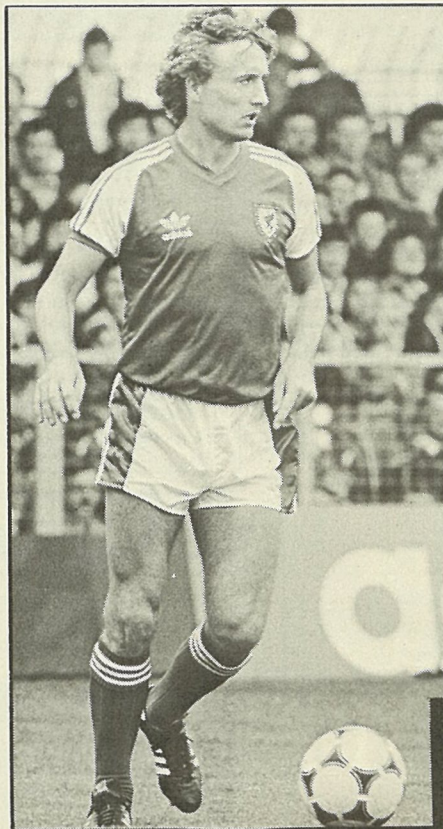
I don't really mind but it has stopped me completing my victory over him.

Garth reckoned I couldn't beat him over five matches during the summer. I've proved him wrong because I'm already four up.

He went home to Stoke for a couple of days the other week and I reckon he's secretly getting some coaching from a professional!

Tennis has provided me with an enjoyable way of keeping fit this summer and hopefully it means I won't feel too stiff when I report back for training.

I've also been playing some golf with John Lacy and Chris Jones.



Price war at Spurs!

PAUL Price's arrival from Luton will make the battle for first team places at Spurs even more fierce next season.

The Welsh international defender joined the club for £250,000 during the summer and he's bound to strengthen the squad.

Many people said Spurs were suspect in the middle of defence last season, but I didn't think so — we won the FA Cup didn't we!

I've played against Paul a couple of times — most recently for England against Wales in the Home Internationals.

We drew 0-0 at Wembley and Paul impressed me with his footballing brain.

I know that Spurs keeper Milija Aleksic is a good friend of his and having a mate in the camp will help him settle.

Left: Spurs buy from Luton, Paul Price, in action for Wales.

FOOTNOTE: At our time of going to Press Glenn had still not decided whether he will remain at Spurs or join another club next season . . . but don't miss Match Weekly for the inside story when his future is decided. It's one you can't afford to miss!

"Our number nine is magic"



"We've already got the psychological advantage of having beaten them in 1908!"



LEEDS manager Allan Clarke talking to Brian Clough: "Our goalkeeper is so good that three hundred thousand wouldn't buy him."

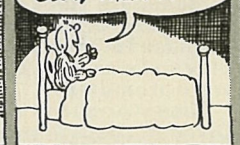
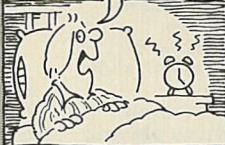
Clough answered: "I know — I'm one of them!"
Lucio Vaccaro (14), Redhill, Surrey.

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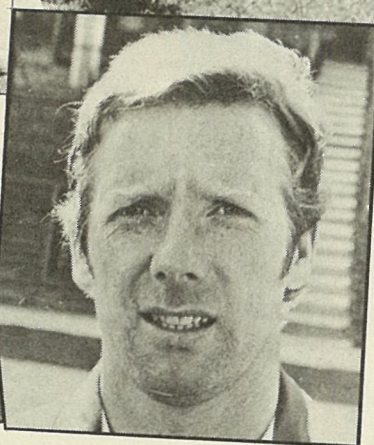
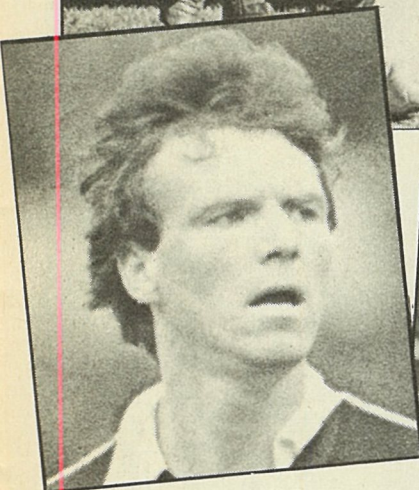
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MATCH WEEKLY



Bannon
is Scottish
Matchman
of the
season

OH YES, EAMONN



Eamonn Bannon . . . in action for Dundee Utd (top).
Alex McLeish . . . Aberdeen's top defender (left).
Alex MacDonald . . . Hearts inspiration in midfield (right).

EAMONN Bannon, once rejected by Chelsea, is Scotland's Matchman of the Season.

The Edinburgh born midfielder star who helped inspire Dundee United to their second successive League Cup win and an FA Cup final with Rangers, emerged a clear winner in our

charts based on our Match Rating statistics last season.

Always dangerous with his left-side breaks from midfield, and his free-kick technique, 23-year-old Bannon scored a total of 281 points from the 39 games Match monitored, giving him an excellent average of 7.20.

We had to look to Bannon's first club Hearts for the runner-up, Alex MacDonald, who after a distinguished career with Rangers has done more than anyone to keep Hearts in the Premier Division with his experience in midfield.

Aberdeen's much-admired central defender Alex McLeish shared third spot with striker Paul Sturrock, one of four Tannadice players in the top 10.

Red-haired Tommy Burns was Celtic's top star, while Peter McCloy deserved his top 10 placing with some consistent performances before losing his place in the Rangers goal to new signing Jim Stewart towards the end of the season.

TOP TEN

Player	Points	Games	Average
1 Eamonn Bannon (Dundee Utd.)	281	39	7.20
2 Alex MacDonald (Hearts)	215	30	7.16
3 Alex McLeish (Aberdeen)	250	35	7.14
3 Paul Sturrock (Dundee Utd.)	300	42	7.14
5 Tommy Burns (Celtic)	285	40	7.12
6 David Dodds (Dundee Utd.)	206	29	7.10
7 David Narey (Dundee Utd.)	283	40	7.07
8 Alan Rough (Partick)	233	33	7.06
9 Mark McGhee (Aberdeen)	274	39	7.02
10 Peter McCloy (Rangers)	196	28	7.00

GOALKEEPERS

1. Alan Rough (Partick)	7.06
2. Peter McCloy (Rangers)	7.00
3. Jim Leighton (Aberdeen)	6.97
4. Hamish McAlpine (Dundee Utd)	6.95
5. Roy Baines (Morton)	6.94

DEFENDERS

1. Alex McLeish (Aberdeen)	7.14
2. David Narey (Dundee Utd)	7.07
3. Paul Hegarty (Dundee Utd)	6.97
4. Danny McGrain (Celtic)	6.94
5. Willie Miller (Aberdeen)	6.91

MIDFIELD

1. Eamonn Bannon (Dundee Utd)	7.20
2. Alex MacDonald (Hearts)	7.16
3. Tommy Burns (Celtic)	7.11
4. Jim Bett (Rangers)	6.94
5. Alister Mauchlen (Kilmarnock)	6.93

STRIKERS

1. Paul Sturrock (Dundee Utd)	7.14
2. David Dodds (Dundee Utd)	7.10
3. Mark McGhee (Aberdeen)	7.02
4. Davie Provan (Celtic)	6.97
5. Peter Weir (St Mirren)	6.96

Swansea saved my career

WALES goalkeeper Dai Davies is back in the First Division with Swansea — the club which saved his career seven years ago.

As Dai signed for 'Swans' for the third time he told how a two month spell there in 1974 rebuilt his career in the First Division with Everton.

"I signed for Everton from Swansea, but after just two League games found myself out of the first team and on the transfer list," said Dai.

"Swansea were in the Fourth Division then and their manager, Harry Gregg, invited me to Vetch Field on loan.

"He helped restore my confidence and there's no doubt my six game spell there resurrected my career."

On his return to Goodison Park, Dai forced himself back into contention and played 83 First Division games before his shock £8,000 move to Wrexham in September 1977.

"I've a few regrets about leaving Wrexham — I had four happy years there," said Dai.

"But I'm going back to the First Division because that's where I want to play."

"I never gave up hope of playing in the First Division again but I must admit I didn't think I'd get another opportunity," said the 33-year-old.

"When I became a free agent after my Wrexham contract expired I rang Swansea

WELSH
international Dai Davies reveals a few home truths about his return to the club that gave him his start in professional football.

manager John Toshack because I'd heard stories that he wanted me."

The two former Welsh team-mates agreed terms and Dai signed on the dotted line — although the size of the fee still has to be decided by an independent tribunal.

FANS MUST BE PATIENT

SWANSEA fans shouldn't expect too much from the team next season, warns their new goalkeeper.

"The players and officials are under no illusions as to how tough life is going to be in the First Division," said Dai.

"But the fans have experienced the club's meteoric rise from the Fourth Division to the top and now they are used to success.

"There's no way Swansea will win as many matches as last season and I hope the fans understand that," he added.

"Success goes in cycles and Swansea are at the top of their cycle now — things will slow down for a time."

Dai outlined some of the differences the players will face in the top flight.

"It's much more cut-throat in that players take their chances quicker and the marking is a lot tighter."

Dai is looking forward to linking up with his former Wales team-mate John Toshack — now the boss at Swansea.

"We played together in many internationals and I also played against him in Liverpool derby matches when I was with Everton.

"I've got a lot of respect for the guy — he's done a great job since joining Swansea."



Swansea manager John Toshack (above) has played in many Welsh internationals with his new goalkeeper Dai Davies.

MATCH WEEKLY



Wales goalkeeper Dai Davies — back at Swansea for the third time.

I'M a 15 year old Liverpool fan and would like a pen pal who supports Swansea. My favourite other sports are athletics and tennis. Debra Harmsworth, 25 Canford Drive, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey.

TRANMERE Rovers are my favourite team. I'm 11 and enjoy collecting programmes and pop music. Gregory Hollingsworth, 129 Dibbins Hey, Poulton, Bebington, Wirral, Merseyside.

COLLECTING postcards and supporting European Champions Liverpool are my hobbies. I'm 15 and would like a pen pal who lives in the Liverpool area. Helen Bashford, 35 Longmore Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

Pen pals

I'M ten years old and support Nottingham Forest. I'd like a pen pal from anywhere who is my age. Justin Champneys, Humble Bee Cottage, Sellindge, Near Ashford, Kent.

I'D like a West Ham pen pal who lives in the London area. Michael Carter (10), 126 Wessex Way, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berks.

I'M a 15 year old Malaysian who supports Man Utd. I'd like a pen pal of my own age but I don't mind which club they follow. Sudir Govindan, 26 Main Road, Tapah, Perak, W. Malaysia.

Coop yearns to be a Derby winner

FORMER Coventry skipper Mick Coop hopes to end his 15 year search for a major honour by winning the Second Division title with Derby County.

Mick, who made 401 League appearances for the 'Sky Blues' before his free transfer to Derby, said:

"I want to get my just rewards and finish my career by winning something.

"At 33 I felt I needed a change — I did everything I possibly could for Coventry.

"I spent 15 years at Highfield Road, 13 of them in the lower reaches of the First Division battling against relegation.

"I wanted to join a club that had a chance of winning something and under manager Colin Addison I reckon Derby are on course for Division One.

"They are a big club steeped in

soccer tradition and I'm excited at the prospect of joining them," said Mick.

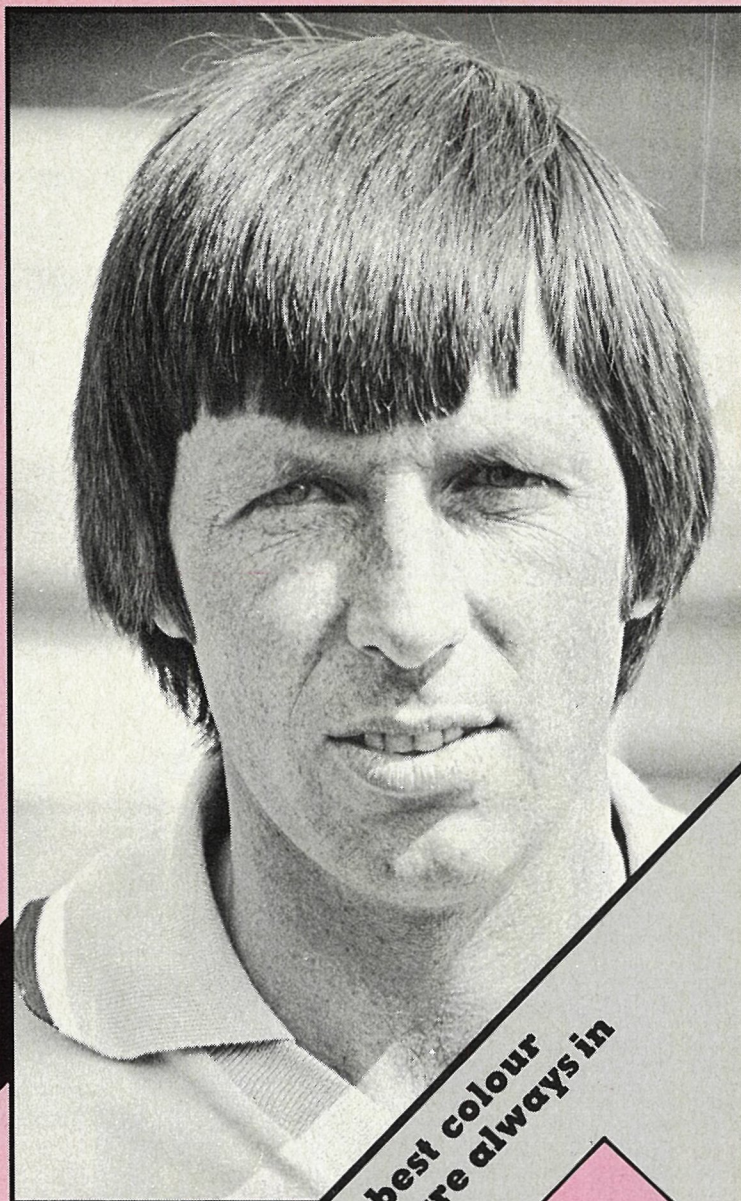
"I also wanted first team football and Derby have given me that. I'll be playing in my normal right back position for them."

Mick will be joining two other former Coventry stars at the Baseball Ground — defenders Barry Powell and Keith Osgood.

Coventry's most successful spell since their promotion to the top flight in 1967 was last season when they reached the semi-finals of the League Cup and Mick missed it through injury!

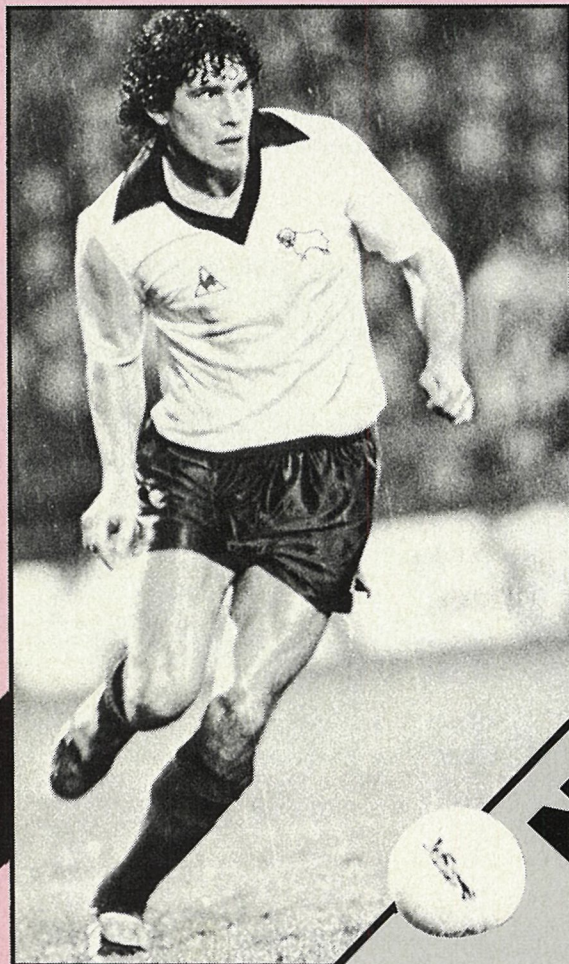
Coventry have a lot of talented youngsters and under new manager Dave Sexton I reckon they'll develop into good players.

"Dave is one of the top three coaches in the country. Coventry are lucky to have got him — he'll do well at Highfield Road," added Mick.



Above: Mick Coop — ending a 15-year association with Coventry to join Derby County.

Left: Derby defender Keith Osgood will be meeting up with his former Coventry team-mate Mick Coop next season.



NEXT WEEK

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Leicester City

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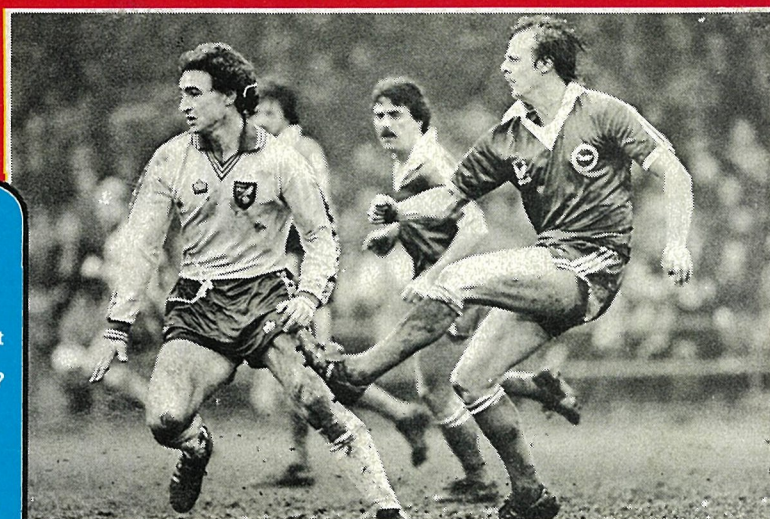
Welcome to a new look Match quiz to test your soccer knowledge. From your letters we know you love to pit your wits against your pals, so here are 10 questions for you to ponder.

Top TEN Quiz



Middlesbrough's Tony McAndrew (left) clashes with Keith Bertschin (Birmingham). See Question 6.

Below: Who's who? See question 7.



1 Two players topped the First Division League scoring charts last season with 20 goals. Can you name them?

2 Lincoln City landed the Fourth Division's biggest win last season . . . 8-1. But against which club?

3 If the Quakers met the Pilgrims who would be playing?

4 Who were Scotland's last World Cup opponents and what was the score?

5 Who scored the first goal of the 1981 FA Cup final replay?

6 From which club did Keith Bertschin (see colour picture) join Birmingham City?

7 Can you identify these two First Division players (right) and say where they began their careers?

8 In which country do the following clubs play? a) Carl Zeiss Jena, b) CSKA Sofia, c) Perugia

9 Name the clubs of the following First Division understudy goalkeepers a) Bruce Grobelaar, b) Paddy Roche, c) Alex Williams.

10 Who refereed last season's League and FA Cup finals?

Answers

1 Steve Archibald (Spurs), Peter Withe (Villa), 2 Northampton, 3 Darlington v Plymouth, 4 Israel (won 3-1), 5 Steve Mackenzie (Man C.), 6 Ipswich, 7 Left: Martin O'Neill (now Man City) started with Forest, Right: Neil McNab (Birmingham), started with Morton, 8 a) East Germany, b) Bulgaria, c) Italy, 9 a) Liverpool, b) Man Utd, c) Man City, 10 Clive Thomas (League Cup), Keith Hackett (FA Cup).

How did you score: 7-10 you have an excellent soccer knowledge, 4-6 you're better than most, 0-3 keep reading Match Weekly . . .